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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Underhill et al.

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For: COMPOSITION AND USE OF RAR ANTAGONISTS FOR PROMOTING
CHONDROGENESIS

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Examiner: Carlos A. Azpuru

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Sir:

Applicants are providing this summary of the telephonic interviews conducted with the Examiner on July 30, 2004 and September 1, 2004 in accordance with the provisions of MPEP § 713.04.

During the telephonic interview on July 30, 2004, the Examiner and Applicants' representative, Shawna Cannon Lemon, agreed that Claims 1, 12, 17, 20 and 21 would be amended by Examiner's Amendment to include the recitation "a therapeutically effective amount of" and a chondrogenic stimulator "which is a protein selected from the group consisting of bone morphogenic protein (BMP), osteogenic protein (OP), a chondrogenic cytokine, and combinations thereof." It was further agreed upon that Claim 5 would be canceled.

During the telephonic interview on September 1, 2004, Applicants' representative noted the typographical error appearing in the Examiner's Amendment issued with the Notice of Allowance dated August 11, 2004. More specifically, Applicants' representative noted that in Claim 23, the amendment should recite "a therapeutically effective amount of," and the Examiner agreed to make the change.

Respectfully submitted,

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